

MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2010

The Madison Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Bill Ward, RAB President.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by the board member Cliff Lanham and recorded as follows:

MBA President Mike Kridner	Present
Madison Girl Softball President Bobby Haygood	Present
Madison Dolphins President Matt Benzek	Present
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Present
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Sheffield	Present
MAA President Chris Lewis	Absent
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Absent (Sub)
Board Member Charles Duffy	Present
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board President Bill Ward	Present
Board Member Phillip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Present

Also in attendance was Alison Callahan subbing for Allison Wheeler, Grey Weber, Taylor Edge and John Allen..

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 2009, meeting minutes. The motion passed. **There was no meeting in January 2010.**

AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Ward, president, started the meeting by having John Allen, President of SCD brief the board on his company's proposal and drawings of the projected restroom in front of Dublin and on the international soccer field west of Dublin's front door. John Allen presented the board with a construction package to include drawings, fixtures and construction ideas and cost factors. The projected building cost would be \$76,230.00.

On page 3 of the proposal SDC requested that the board review and respond to 10 questions prior to continuing further design or contractual action. Mr. Allen recommended that the AYSO building committee review his proposal and develop any modifications and changes and to get back with him and the board President Bill Ward within the next 30 days, if not sooner.

RAB President Bill Ward said he would take Mr. Allen's package to the city engineer department to answer some of the questions on page 3 and that the AYSO building committee should review the package and he (Bill) would call a meeting soonest to iron out any modifications and or recommendations within the next 30 days. Funding for this project would also be addressed. AYSO has some \$30K set aside for this project. There was also a possibility that the County Commissioner F. Dyer might be able to provide some county money. If there is a balance then that amount would have to be obtained to meet the deficit.

Alison Callahan speaking for Allison Wheeler informed the board that trail ground breaking for the Bradford Creek Greenway Phase I would be in early spring or summer. MG&T has developed a list of potential Eagle Scout projects relating to trails, since many Eagle Scout candidates approach us looking for projects. Allison Wheeler was notified by the undersigned on 4 Feb. that Logan Cox was now the new Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts in Madison and that Cox would be the primary point of contact for possible Eagle Scout candidates.

Mike Cassell did a short informational presentation on insurance and liability coverage. In essence all associations need and must have insurance coverage in compliance with city policies. Mike also presented an application from NYSCA which many of the associations in Madison are now using.

Bill Ward again strongly recommended that all organizations get in their wish List so he could finalize his presentation to city council.

Anthony Dupree advised Bill that the present basketball facilities in Madison were right at the saturation point. He strongly recommended that the city need at least two to three more basketball courts. In the short term basketball and soccer would have to be scheduling indoor courts late into the afternoon to provide courts for all the scheduled play.

Lisa Sheffield said that the cities program of perhaps 3 more soccer fields near Mill Creek and Columbia Elementary schools would go a long in field expansion. The recreational department's rotation and maintenance program should also allow better field use at the same time improving field maintenance. In this regard Cassell reminded all that the new aerator device would be in by mid month and that fields would soon be receiving some aeration.

Bill Ward asked all associations to include in their wish list what they needed and or what the city could provide to them to foster more revenue programs, tournaments and

programs to stimulate revenue to support the city programs. Bill asked Lisa to brief him on how Huntsville and other cities in Alabama schedule tournaments and events in soccer.

Mike Kridner has some 886 registered baseball players so far and expects to be really close to 900 players for this season. .

Bobby Haygood has some 200 girl softball signed up so far and expects that number to reach 225. In this regards he informed Cassell that there was some concession maintenance needed at Palmer. Also he requested some way to enhance the out fields to reduce the weeds and get some turf planted. Cassell would have Kelly contact Bobby and Clark to work out details on maintenance and field improvement

A comment was made concerning background checks for coaches, referees and other adults working with kids. Cassell stated he would look into the possibility of establishing a data base to keep data on all adults that have passes background checks and perhaps this would allow a better data base for obtaining adult support for all the organizations.

The senior center will be going out on its third bid to extend their facilities and obtain additional parking space. With the down economy perhaps we can get in some more reasonable bids.

Cassell request that he and Lisa Sheffield get together to look over city plans to add parking and walk ways near the new soccer fields at Dublin.

Summary of task:

1. ALL associations must get their wish list to Bill Ward by 8 Feb.
2. Bill Ward to coordinate with city engineers on the 10 items, page 3 of the SCD proposal.
3. Bill Ward and Lisa Sheffield and her building committee need to met to review the SCD work package, TBA.
4. Cliff Lanham to get Boys Scout point of contact to Allison Wheeler.
5. Taylor Edge and Bill Ward to coordinate additional county funding.
6. Matt Benzek to finalize Dolphin need and finalize an insurance program.
7. All organizations to let Cassell know that they have current insurance coverage by e-mail
8. Taylor Edge to keep the board apprised of the two proposed additional soccer fields at the elementary schools.
9. All associations to propose what they would do and or need to support more tournaments in Madison. Send proposals to Ward and to Cassell. This needs to be in with also by 8 Feb.
10. Cassell to brief on the feasibility of establishment of an adult background check data base.
11. Cassell and Scheffield to met concerning the parking lot and trails at the Dublin fields, TBA.

No further business was brought forward. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 March 2010 at 5:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.